

Wednesday, June 16, 1999

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Military Construction, Energy and Water Development, and Legislative Branch Appropriations bills.

Senate passed Work Incentives Improvement Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7039–S7160*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills were introduced as follows: S. 1224–1230. **Page S7127**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 342, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–77)

S. 607, reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992. (S. Rept. No. 106–78)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Military Construction Appropriations:** By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 168), Senate passed S. 1205, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. **Pages S7039–44, S7061–64**

**Work Incentives Improvement Act:** By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 169), Senate passed S. 331, to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7044–61, S7064–78**

Roth Amendment No. 671, in the nature of substitute. **Pages S7057–58**

**Energy and Water Development Appropriations, FY2000:** By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 172), Senate passed S. 1186, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending

September 30, 2000, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S7098–S7117**

Adopted:

Domenici Amendment No. 628, of a technical nature. **Pages S7098–99**

Reid (for Levin) Amendment No. 637, to provide funds for development of technologies for control of zebra mussels and other aquatic nuisance species.

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Domenici (for Craig) Amendment No. 638, to provide that the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, may use not to exceed \$300,000 for expenses associated with the commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

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Domenici (for Craig) Amendment No. 639, to make a technical correction providing construction funds for the Site Operations Center at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

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Domenici Amendment No. 661, to clarify usage of Drought Emergency Assistance funds. **Page S7098**

Reid (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 643, to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may provide \$2,865,000 from funds appropriated herein for environmental restoration at Fort Kearny, Nebraska.

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Reid (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 630, to strike the rescission of appropriations for the Hackensack Meadowlands flood control project, New Jersey. **Page S7098**

Domenici (for Santorum) Amendment No. 633, to strike the rescission of appropriations for the Lackawanna River project, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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Reid Amendment No. 672 (to Amendment No. 629), to provide funds for Boston College research in high temperature superconductivity. **Page S7098**

Reid Amendment No. 673 (to Amendment No. 631), to reduce the funding request from \$4,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for the Minnish Waterfront Park project, Passaic River, New Jersey. **Page S7098**

Domenici Amendment No. 674 (to Amendment No. 634), to provide funds for Lake St. Clair, Metro Beach, Michigan, section 206 project. **Page S7098**

Reid Amendment No. 675 (to Amendment No. 642), to strike provisions relating to the results of a single-level appeal of jurisdictional determinations provided for under the Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program administrative appeals process. **Page S7098**

Domenici Amendment No. 676 (to Amendment No. 645), to provide for the use of Construction, General funding as directed in Public Law 105-62 and Public Law 105-245 to initiate construction of an emergency outlet from Devils Lake, North Dakota, to the Sheyenne River. **Page S7098**

Domenici (for Gorton) Amendment No. 677 (to Amendment No. 646), to limit the inclusion of costs of protection of, mitigation of damage to, and enhancement of fish, within rates charged by the Bonneville Power Administration, to the rate period in which the costs are incurred. **Page S7099**

Domenici (for Bond/Ashcroft) Amendment No. 629, to make funds available for the University of Missouri research reactor project. **Page S7098**

Reid (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 631, to provide funding for the Minnish Waterfront Park project, Passaic River, New Jersey. **Page S7098**

Domenici (for Abraham) Amendment No. 634, to provide funding for water quality enhancement. **Page S7098**

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 642, to strike certain provisions relating to the use of certain funds appropriated herein to implement an administrative appeals process for the Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program, which administrative appeals process shall provide for a single-level appeal of jurisdictional determinations, the results of which shall be considered final agency action under the Administrative Procedures Act. **Page S7098**

Domenici (for Gorton) Amendment No. 646, to prohibit the inclusion of costs of breaching or removing a dam that is part of the Federal Columbia River Power System within rates charged by the Bonneville Power Administration. **Pages S7098-99**

Reid (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 645, to make a technical correction with respect to a Corps of Engineers project in the State of North Dakota. **Page S7098**

Reid (for Daschle) Amendment No. 678, to provide for continued funding of wildlife habitat miti-

gation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and State of South Dakota. **Page S7099**

Reid (for Daschle) Amendment No. 679, to provide funds for the Lake Andes-Wagner/Marty II demonstration program. **Page S7099**

Reid Amendment No. 680, to provide funds for the Yellowstone River at Glendive, Montana flood control project. **Page S7099**

Domenici Amendment No. 681, to reduce the amount of funds from \$1,113,227,000 to \$1,086,586,000 which are provided for under Construction, General provisions with regard to river and harbor, flood control, shore protection, and related projects authorized by laws. **Page S7099**

Withdrawn:

Jeffords Amendment No. 648, to increase funding for energy supply, research, and development activities relating to renewable energy sources, with an offset. **Pages S7101-02**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 171), Senate agreed to a motion to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Jeffords Amendment No. 682, to increase funding for energy supply, research, and development activities relating to renewable energy sources, with an offset, was ruled out of order. **Pages S7107-08**

Subsequently, the decision of the Chair was upheld. **Page S7108**

**Legislative Branch Appropriations, FY2000:** By 95 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 173), Senate passed H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after striking certain provisions of the House bill and inserting in lieu thereof certain provisions of S. 1206, Senate companion measure, and after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7117-20**

Bennett (for Dodd) Amendment No. 683, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to modify service requirements relating to creditable service with congressional campaign committees. **Pages S7118-19**

Bennett (for Feingold) Amendment No. 684, to further restrict legislative post-employment lobbying by Members and senior staffers. **Pages S7118-19**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: Senators Bennett, Stevens, Craig, Cochran, Feinstein, Durbin, and Byrd. **Page S7120**

Subsequently, S. 1206 was indefinitely postponed.

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**J.J. "Jake" Pickle Federal Building:** Senate passed S. 559, to designate the Federal building located at 33 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building".

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**Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1259, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 170), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on H.R. 1259 (listed above).

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**National Defense Authorization Act:** Senate disagreed to the House amendment to S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Warner, Thurmond, McCain, Smith (of N.H.), Inhofe, Santorum, Snowe, Roberts, Allard, Hutchinson, Sessions, Levin, Kennedy, Bingaman, Byrd, Robb, Lieberman, Cleland, Landrieu, and Reed.

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**Y2K Act—Conferees:** Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 775, to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000 (as passed by the Senate on June 15, 1999), requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Senators McCain, Stevens, Burns, Gorton, Hollings, Kerry, and Wyden; from the Committee on the Judiciary: Senators Hatch, Thurmond, and Leahy; and from the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problems: Senators Bennett and Dodd.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Thomas J. Erickson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures

Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 2003.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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## Messages From the House:

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## Additional Statements:

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—173)

Pages S7061, S7064, S7089, S7108, S7117, S7120

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:47 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 17, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7160.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

## PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on issues relating to prostate cancer research activities, after receiving testimony from Harold E. Varmus, Director, and Richard D. Klausner, Director, National Cancer Institute, both of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; former Senator Dole; Christopher J. Logothetis, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston; Michael Milken, Association for the Cure of Cancer of the Prostate, Santa Monica, California; and Joe Torre, New York Yankees, New York, New York.

## BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 762, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on the inclusion of the Miami Circle in Biscayne National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 140, to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System, with amendments;

S. 734, the "National Discovery Trails Act of 1999", with amendments;

S. 938, to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park;

S. 939, to correct spelling errors in the statutory designations of Hawaiian National Parks, with amendments;

S. 946, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center, with an amendment;

S. 955, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation, with amendments;

H.R. 459, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project;

S. 1027, to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy; and

An original bill to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel pending completion of the nuclear waste repository, in lieu of S. 608.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 1833, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the United States Customs Service for drug interdiction and other operations, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, for the United States International Trade Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill to eradicate the overcapacity in the global steel industry caused by factors such as market barriers overseas, anticompetitive behavior, subsidization and unstable currency management.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Mark Wylea Erwin, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros and as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic

of Kenya, Christopher E. Goldthwait, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, Joyce E. Leader, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Bismarck Myrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, David B. Dunn, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, and Michael D. Metelits, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Erwin was introduced by Senator Helms and Mr. Goldthwait was introduced by Representative Fowler.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Marsha L. Berzon, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Robert A. Katzmman, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Keith P. Ellison, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Gary Allen Feess, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, W. Allen Pepper Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, Karen E. Schreier, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, Stefan R. Underhill, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and T. John Ward, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Berzon was introduced by Senators Feinstein, Boxer, Schumer, and Moynihan, Mr. Katzmman was introduced by Senators Schumer and Moynihan, Mr. Ellison and Mr. Ward were introduced by Senator Hutchison, Mr. Feess was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Mr. Pepper was introduced by Senators Lott and Cochran, Ms. Schreier was introduced by Senators Daschle and Johnson, and Mr. Underhill was introduced by Senators Dodd and Lieberman.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 28, to authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 400, to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to improve the delivery of housing assistance to Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 401, to provide for business development and trade promotion for native Americans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 613, to encourage Indian economic development, to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 614, to provide for regulatory reform in order to encourage investment, business, and economic development with respect to activities conducted on Indian lands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 944, to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 2235-2250; 1 private bill, H.R. 2251; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 134-135, and H. Res. 211-215, were introduced.

Pages H4470-71

**Reports Filed:** One report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 592, to redesignate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills," amended (H. Rept. 106-188)

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Steve Planning, S.J. of Alexandria, Virginia.

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**Child Safety and Protection Act:** The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 1501, to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders. Consideration will resume on June 17.

Pages H4364-H4469

Agreed to:

The Kucinich amendment that provides assistance to states in establishing and maintaining the records of violent juvenile offenders;

Pages H4375-76

The Hutchinson amendment that authorizes block grant funding for restorative justice programs;

Pages H4376-78

The Dreier amendment that authorizes block grant funding for anti-gang programs;

Pages H4378-79

The Capuano amendment that authorizes block grant funding for state and local juvenile witness assistance programs;

Pages H4379-80

The Wise amendment that authorizes block grant funding for confidential toll-free school safety hotlines;

Pages H4380-81

The McCollum amendment that increases the consequences for juvenile offenders, requires enforcement of Federal firearms laws, limits criminal and juvenile access to firearms and explosives; and increases penalties for criminal use of firearms and explosives,

gang violence, and drug trafficking to minors (agreed to by a recorded vote of 249 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 211);

Pages H4381-98

Salmon amendment that transfers funds to states that convict a murderer, rapist, or child molester if the criminal had previously been convicted of one of these crimes in a different state (agreed to by a recorded vote of 412 ayes to 15 noes, Roll No. 212);

Pages H4414-20

Green of Wisconsin amendment that requires mandatory life imprisonment for repeat sex offenders against children.

Pages H4422-25

The Canady amendment that increases the age of minors from 16 to 18 with respect to the transportation and sale of obscene material;

Pages H4425-26

The Kelly amendment that increases the penalties for those who take a child hostage in order to evade arrest or obstruct justice;

Pages H4426-27

The Hutchinson amendment that makes it unlawful to transfer any firearm to a juvenile if the transferor has reason to believe it will be used in a school zone or in a serious violent felony;

Pages H4427-28

The Gallegly amendment that makes it a Federal crime to recruit persons who use interstate or foreign commerce to recruit another person to become a member of a criminal street gang;

Pages H4433-34

The Goss amendment that provides four new Federal district judges for the middle district of Florida, three for Arizona, and two for Nevada;

Pages H4434-35

The Traficant amendment, as modified, that provides that any state that does not have a law which suspends the drivers license of a juvenile who illegally possesses or commits a crime with a firearm shall lose 10 percent of its juvenile justice funding;

Pages H4435-37

The Meehan amendment that provides for the Secretary of the Treasury to expand the Youth Gun Crime Interdiction Initiative and requires an annual report on the types and sources of recovered crime guns and the number of investigations associated with the initiative;

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The Cunningham amendment that includes the provisions of "Matthew's Law" to increase the penalties for crimes of violence against children under age 13 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 401 ayes to 27 noes, Roll No. 214); **Pages H4421–22, H4438**

The DeLay amendment that denies Federal courts, in a civil action regarding prison conditions, from carrying out any order that would result in the release of a person subject to incarceration (agreed to by a recorded vote of 296 ayes to 133 noes, Roll No. 215); **Pages H4429–32, H4438–39**

The Stearns amendment that establishes a set of Congressional findings with regard to the enforcement of Federal firearm violations (passed by a recorded vote of 293 ayes to 134 noes, Roll No. 216); **Pages H4439–42, H4454–55**

The Latham amendment that provides a civil remedy for victims of illegal drugs and holds those who manufacture or distribute a controlled substance liable for direct or indirect harm by use of the controlled substance (passed by a recorded vote of 424 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 217); **Pages H4442–45, H4455**

The Tancredo amendment to declare that a memorial on public school campuses may contain religious speech without violating the U.S. Constitution (agreed to by a recorded vote of 300 ayes to 127 noes, Roll No. 219); and **Pages H4448–51, H4456–57**

The DeMint amendment that disallows attorney fees in any action claiming that a public school or its agent violates the constitutional prohibition against the establishment of religion by permitting, facilitating, or accommodating a student's religious expression (agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 220). **Pages H4451–54, H4457**

Rejected:

The Hyde amendment that sought to protect children from explicit sexual or violent material, require a study of the effects of entertainment on children, permit the entertainment industry to set guidelines to protect children from harmful material, and establish the national youth crime prevention demonstration project (rejected by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 213); and **Pages H4399–H4414, H4420**

The Rogan amendment that sought to require schools accepting Federal education funds to adopt a zero tolerance policy regarding the possession of illegal drugs and to expel for one year any student caught in possession of a felonious quantity (rejected by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 218). **Pages H4445–48, H4455–56**

Withdrawn:

The Scott amendment to the McCollum amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to eliminate provisions related to juvenile justice reform; and **Pages H4395–98**

The Quinn amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require a federal permit with fingerprints and a photograph for the purchase of explosives. **Pages H4428–29**

Pending:

The Aderholt amendment was offered that seeks to declare that the power to display the Ten Commandments on property owned or administered by the States is among the powers reserved to the States; **Pages H4457–61**

The Souder amendment was offered that seeks to allow governmental entities that make grants to nongovernmental entities to also make grants or enter into contracts with religious organizations; and **Pages H4461–66**

The Souder amendment was offered that seeks to prohibit any funding to be used to discriminate against, denigrate, or otherwise undermine the religious or moral beliefs of juveniles who participate in juvenile justice programs. **Pages H4466–68**

H. Res. 209, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a yeas and nays vote of 240 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 210. Earlier, agreed that the Conyers amendment be deemed to have been included as the last amendment printed in Part B of H. Rept. 106–186. **Pages H4350–64**

Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, of Rabbi David Saperstein of Washington, D.C. to a two-year term on the Commission on International Religious Freedom. **Page H4469**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yeas and nays vote and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4363–64, H4398, H4419–20, H4420, H4438, H4438–39, H4454–55, H4455, H4455–56, H4456–57, and H4457. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:03 a.m. on Thursday, June 17.

## Committee Meetings

### LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM REVIEW

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review the structure and policies of the Loan Deficiency Payment Program. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on DC Health Initiatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Marlene N.

Kelley, M.D., Interim Director and Paul Offner, Deputy Director, Department of Health; and John A. Fairman, General Manager and CEO, Health and Hospital Public Benefit Corporation.

#### LOAN LOSS RESERVES

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on loan loss reserves. Testimony was heard from Harvey Goldschmid, General Counsel, SEC; Laurence Meyer, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Wayne Rushton, Senior Deputy Comptroller, Bank Supervision Policy; and Richard M. Riccobono, Deputy Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Donna Tanoue, Chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

#### AMERICA'S HEALTH

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment continued hearings on America's Health, with emphasis on Access to Affordable Health Coverage for the Uninsured. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 23.

#### SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 850, Security and Freedom Through Encryption.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2041, amended, Patient Right to Obstetric and Gynecological Care Act of 1999; H.R. 2042, Health Care Access, Affordability, and Quality Advisory Commission Act of 1999; H.R. 2043, amended, Patient Right to Unrestricted Medical Advice Act of 1999; H.R. 2044, Patient Right to Pediatric Care Act of 1999; H.R. 2045, Patient Right to Emergency Medical Care Act of 1999; H.R. 2046, amended, Patient Access to Information Act of 1999; H.R. 2047, Small Business Access and Choice for Entrepreneurs Act of 1999; and H.R. 2089, amended, Group Health Plan Review Standards Act of 1999.

#### DRUG LEGALIZATION—PROS AND CONS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on the Pros and Cons of Drug Legalization, Decriminalization and Harm Reduction. Testimony was heard from Barry R. McCaffrey,

Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Alan Leshner, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Department of Health and Human Services; Donnie Marshall, Deputy Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; James McDonough, Director, Office of Drug Control Policy, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

#### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on the Department of Defense's Financial Management: Time to Reform the Prompt Payment Act? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas Bloom, Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service; and Robert J. Lieberman, Assistant Inspector General; David E. Cooper, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### MALAYSIA

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Malaysia: Assessing the Mahathir Agenda. Testimony was heard from Ralph L. Boyce, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### DEMOCRACY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Democracy in the Western Hemisphere: Achievements and Challenges. Testimony was heard from Ambassador David Passage, former Andean Desk Officer, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1752, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 2112, Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Jurisdiction Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Joel B. Rosen, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Camden, New Jersey; Harvey F. Schlesinger, Judge, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida; John F. Nangle, U.S. District Judge, Southern District for Georgia; and public witnesses.

#### TORNADOES

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment and the Subcommittee on Basic Research held a joint hearing on Tornadoes: Understanding, Modeling and Forecasting Supercell Storms. Testimony was heard from Morris Weisman,

Mesoscale and Microscale Meteorology Division, National Center for Atmospheric Research, NSF; and public witnesses.

### VETERANS' MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1247, World War II Memorial Completion Act; H.R. 1476, National Cemetery Act of 1999; H.R. 1484, to authorize appropriations for homeless veterans reintegration projects under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act; H.R. 1603, Selected Reserve Housing Loan Fairness Act of 1999; H.R. 1663, National Medal of Honor Memorial Act; and H.R. 2040, Veterans' Cemeteries Assessment Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Brown of Florida, Doyle, Barr of Georgia and Calvert; Roger Rapp, Acting Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; Espiridion Borrego, Assistant Secretary, Veterans Employment and Training, Department of Labor; Maj. General John P. Herrling (Ret.), Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; and representatives of veterans' organizations.

### REDUCING THE TAX BURDEN

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on Reducing the Tax Burden: I. Enhancing Retirement and Health. Testimony was heard from Representatives Stark, Cardin, Johnson of Connecticut, Portman, Jefferson and Pomeroy; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 23.

### ENCRYPTION BRIEFING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Encryption. The Committee was briefed by Ambassador David Aaron, President's Special Envoy for Encryption.

## Joint Meetings

### HIGH-TECHNOLOGY NATIONAL SUMMIT

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded hearings to advance issues relating to the High-Technology National Summit, focusing on the impact of recent breakthroughs in computers, software and information networks on the U.S. economy and society, after receiving testimony from Scott G. McNealy, Sun Microsystems, Inc., Palo Alto, California; Marc Andreessen, America Online, Inc., Mountain View, California; Alfred R. Berkeley III, NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; Frank C. Carlucci, Nortel Networks, and Morton Bahr, Communications Workers of America, both of Washington, D.C.; John W. Sidgmore, UUNET Technologies, Fairfax, Virginia; Lester C. Thurow,

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Boston; Gordon M. Binder, Amgen, Inc., Malibu, California; James C. Morgan, Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, California; Esther Dyson, EDventure Holdings, Inc., New York, New York; and Mark Benerofe, Priceline.com, Stanford, Connecticut.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D640)

H.R. 1379, to amend the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, to make a technical correction relating to an emergency supplemental appropriation for international narcotics control and law enforcement assistance. Signed June 15, 1999. (P.L. 106-35)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings on issues relating to income security, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and proposed legislation making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, 2 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Export Administration Act, focusing on emerging technologies, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Johnnie E. Frazier, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce; the nomination of Cheryl Shavers, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology; the nomination of Kelly H. Carnes, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy; the nomination of Albert S. Jacquez, of California, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; the nomination of Mary Sheila Gall, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; and the nomination of Ann Brown, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings on S. 533, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize local governments and Governors to restrict receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste; and S. 872, to impose certain limits on the receipt of out-of-State



municipal solid waste, to authorize State and local controls over the flow of municipal solid waste, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance*: to hold hearings on the nomination of Lawrence H. Summers, of Maryland, to be Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Full Committee*, to hold hearings on Medicaid and school-based services, 2 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: to hold hearings on the nomination of Richard Holbrooke, of New York, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Education and Work Force on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on research and evaluation, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: business meeting to mark up S. 692, to prohibit Internet gambling; S. 768, to establish court-martial jurisdiction over civilians serving with the Armed Forces during contingency operations, and to establish Federal jurisdiction over crimes committed outside the United States by former members of the Armed Forces and civilians accompanying the Armed Forces outside the United States; S. 467, to restate and improve section 7A of the Clayton Act; and H.R. 441, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of nonimmigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Full Committee*, to resume closed oversight hearings on certain activities of the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing on H.R. 852, Freedom to E-File Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on the Budget*, to mark up H.R. 853, Comprehensive Budget Process Reform Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 1828, Comprehensive Electricity Competition Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on Department of Education's Student Loan Programs: Are Tax Dollars at Risk? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, hearing on Campaign Reform, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 744, to rescind the consent of Congress to the Northeast Dairy Compact; and H.R. 1694, Dairy Consumers and Producers Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1528, National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1231, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery; H.R. 2079, to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota; H.R. 468, Saint Helena Island National Scenic Act; and H.R. 695, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to convey an administrative site in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College; and to hold an oversight hearing on the Role of the National Forests in the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial (Part II), 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 1487, National Monument NEPA Compliance Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on EPA's High Production Volume (HPV) Chemical Testing Program, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Federal Research and Small Business Innovation Research Program, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Benefits, to mark up pending business, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on U.S.-Vietnam Trade Relations, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Meetings*: Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Education and the Workforce on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on research and evaluation, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings on monetary policy and the economic outlook, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, June 17

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1664, Emergency Steel, Oil and Gas Loan Guarantee Program.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, June 17

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 1501, Child Safety and Protection Act (structured rule, one hour of general debate); and  
Consideration of H.R. 2122, Mandatory Gun Show Background Check Act (structured rule, one hour of general debate).

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